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SUBJECT Calumet Containers, Hammond, Indiana

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TO: B. Constantelos, Director
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SITE NAME: Calumet Containers

SITE LOCATION: 130th St. and State Line Road
Hammond, Indiana

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INSPECTION DATE: November 4, 1982

OBJECTIVE: Check for improper management or disposal of hazardous wastes and assess degree of hazard at the site.

PARTICIPANTS:

U.S. EPA

Richard Shandross, Environmental Engineer
Richard E. Boice, Environmental Engineer
John McGuire, Environmental Engineer
Kevin Dyer, Environmental Engineer

Boice, McGuire and Dyer spot checked the site at 10:00 a.m., inspected closely and decided on sampling locations with Shandross from 10:45-11:15 a.m. and conducted the sampling from 1:00-3:30 p.m. During our stay, no one moved or transferred any of the barrels or chemical wastes. Some persons, who were associated with the previous owner, were removing old equipment from the site.

A sketch of the site is attached. The site was not fenced. We observed some new looking toys on the site. This suggests to us that children do enter the site.

Some wastes were stored outside in barrels. Most of these barrels were weathered but a few appeared to be in good condition. Most of these barrels contained only dried out solids in the bottom of the barrels, but a few had liquid contents. The ground around these barrels appeared to be heavily contaminated. There was also a four foot deep pit filled with a green liquid on the site. In addition, there were many old truck trailers on the site. Barrels were stored in most of these trailers. These trailers did not appear to be in good condition.

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We collected four samples of waste material from on-site. The sample locations, analyses, times and descriptions are tabulated in the attachment. These are being analyzed as priority 2 samples. The approximate sample locations are also shown on the attached sketch.

Photographs were also taken during the inspection. The photographs and sample analytical results will be forwarded as soon as received. The CRL expects to be able to report the analytical results at the end of December 1982.

Attachments

1. Sample tabulation
2. Site sketch

W. Sanders
William H. Sanders III, Director

INFORMATION FOR SAMPLES COLLECTED
AT CALUMET CONTAINERS ON NOVEMBER 4, 1982

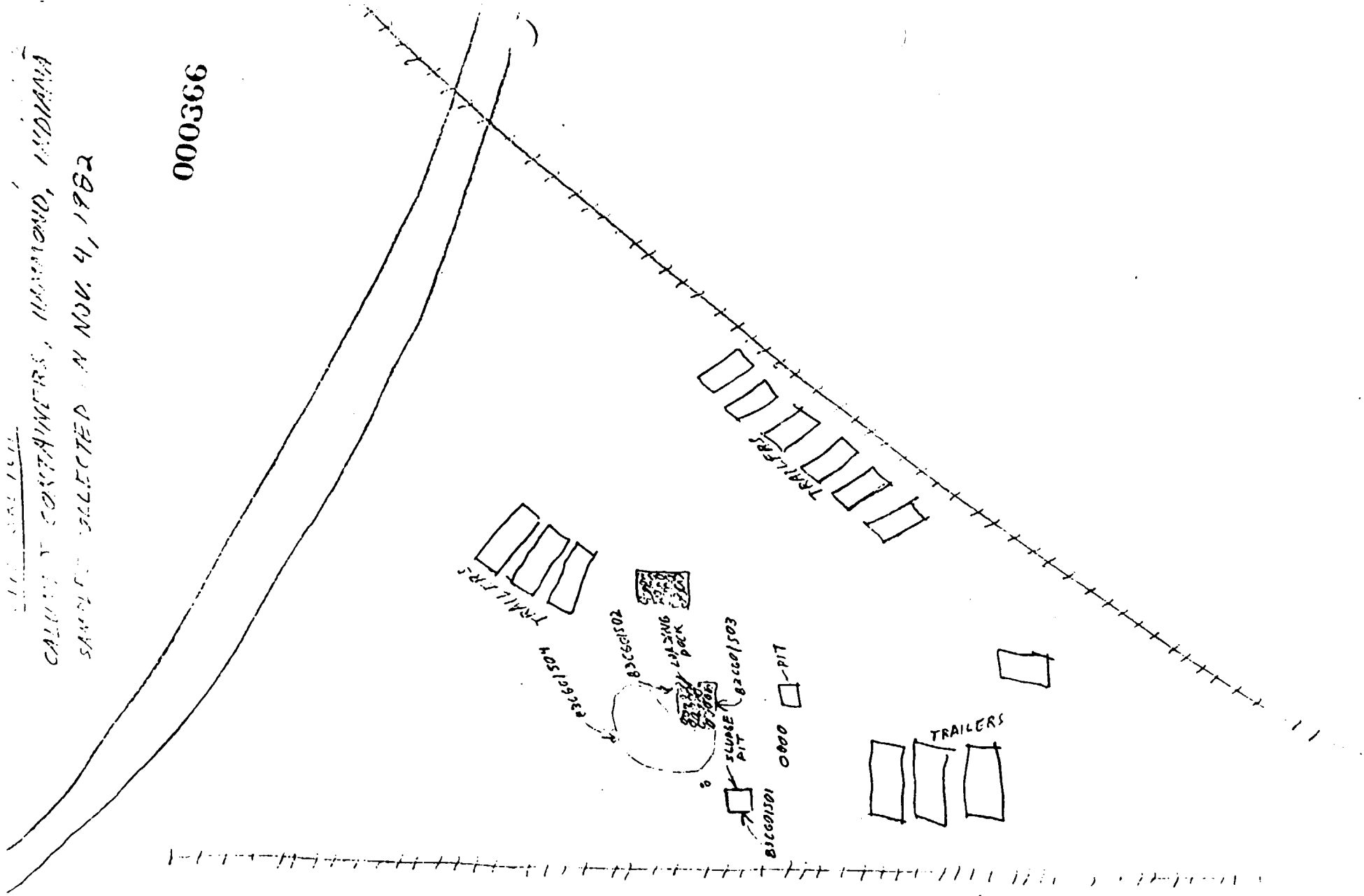
<u>SAMPLE NO.</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>SAMPLE TYPE</u>	<u>ANALYSES</u>	<u>SAMPLE DESCRIPTION</u>
83CG01S01	1:45 p.m.	Medium Hazard	Organics Metals Cyanide	Liquid from sludge pit. This pit was approximately 4 ft. deep and had a roofed but open sided structure over it. The sample was collected with a glass tube sampler, the liquid appeared green except for the bottom 6 inches of liquid, which was black.
83CG01S02	2:00 p.m.	Medium Hazard	Organics Metals Cyanide	Contents from an open barrel on the loading dock. The sample was collected with a glass tube sampler. The top half of the barrel was like an oil, and the bottom was a thick sticky sludge-like material.
83CG01S03	2:20 p.m.	Medium Hazard	Organics Metals Cyanide	Contents of a partially open barrel on this loading dock. The sample was collected with a glass tube sampler. It was a brown liquid with sticky material on the surface.
83CG01S04	2:35 p.m.	Medium Hazard	Organics Metals EP Toxic Metals Cyanide	Top of ground. This was a composite of six locations north and west of the loading dock. Sample locations were approximately 10 feet apart. The sample was gray and sludge-like.

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